

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

### Intercounty Connector Project

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic James Burris (Burroughs) House II

and/or common Stathes Property

## 2. Location:

street & number 15220 Georgia Avenue ☐ not for publicationcity, town Norbeck ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

## 3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	
residence	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	

4. Owner of Property: (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Christopher Stathes

street &amp; number 15220 Georgia Avenue

telephone no.:

city, town Rockville

state and zip code MD 20853

## 5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Montgomery County

liber 7606

street &amp; number 50 Maryland Avenue

folio 229

city, town Rockville

state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form / Norbeck Historic District

date 1977 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission

city, town Silver Spring

state Maryland

## 7. Description

Survey No. M:23-113-5 (PACS B1.13)

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☐ original site  
☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Resource Count: 1

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The James Burris House II is a 2½-story, 4-bay I-house on the west side of Georgia Avenue in the Norbeck vicinity, Montgomery County. Constructed circa 1890, the building has numerous additions. The original structure is 3-bays with a 2-story rear ell. The south elevation has a 1-story addition constructed circa 1950, while the north elevation has a 2-story addition constructed circa 1970.

The structure has a side-gable roof with a small cross-gable on the front elevation. The house has an interior chimney at the north gable end of the original I-house. It is of wood-frame construction with wood siding, and it has a fieldstone foundation. The windows are double-hung sash and casement. The house has a flagstone terrace on the front elevation of the I-house.

The front, or east facade has a side-passage entrance which opens onto the flagstone terrace. The entryway has a modern wood door with a fan-shaped light and a rectangular transom. The entrance and the original window openings are framed by molded surrounds with chamfered corners. The first floor has two 2/2 double-hung windows in the second and third bays and a pair of 6/6 double-hung windows in the fourth bay. The fourth bay is located in the north addition which is slightly recessed from the plane of the main house. The addition to the south of the house also recessed from the plane of the rest of the house, resembles an enclosed porch with its shallow depth and low-pitched roof and has a wood balustrade along the perimeter of the roof. There are no windows on the east elevation of the south addition. The second floor of the east elevation has three 2/2 double-hung windows in the I-house and two 6/6 double-hung windows in the north addition.

The south elevation has an irregular fenestration pattern. The south addition covers the entire first floor of the I-house. The addition has a wood paneled door, a 6-light casement window, two 6/6 double-hung windows and a shed roof vestibule addition at the west corner. The vestibule addition has a wood door and two 1/1 double-hung windows. The second floor of the I-house has one 2/2 double-hung window with two 2/2 double-hung windows in the rear ell. The attic level of the I-house has two 4-light casement windows in the gable end.

The rear, or west elevation has an irregular fenestration pattern due to alterations and the additions. The first floor of the rear ell has a set of 15-light French doors within a large 1-story screened porch. Both the north and south additions have a pair of 6/6 double-hung windows on the first floor, while the vestibule addition to the south has a 1/1 double-hung window. The rear of the I-house is covered by the rear ell and the additions. The second floor of the I-house has a single 2/2 double-hung window. The north addition has a single 6/6 double-hung window. The attic level of the rear ell has two 4-light casement windows in the gable end.

The north elevation of the I-house is partially exposed due to the set-back of the north addition. The I-house has a 2/2 double-hung window on both the first and second floors and a 1-light casement window on the attic level. The north elevation of the north addition has a wood door and two 6/6 double-hung windows on the first floor. The second floor has three 6/6 double-hung windows vertically aligned with the first floor openings.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

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ADDRESS: 15220 Georgia Avenue, Norbeck, Montgomery County, Maryland

## 7. Description (Continued)

There are no outbuildings associated with this property.

The property is located on the west side of Georgia Avenue, with residential property to the north and south, Georgia Avenue to the east and forested land to the west. There are several large trees on the level property. The property's setting retains its integrity by using vegetation to screen a recently-built townhouse community to the north.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa 1890

Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or  
Applicable Exceptions: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The James Burris (Burroughs) House II is located on a .40 hectare (1 acre) lot purchased by Walter Burroughs from James Rannie in 1891. The building type, roof form and fenestration suggest that the house was built soon after the purchase of the lot. James Burroughs was a resident and carpenter in the Norbeck area and a possible relation to Walter Burroughs. Since the inventory form of the Norbeck Historic District identifies this property as the James Burris House II it is possible that he is the carpenter who built the house. The Burroughs family name has numerous spelling variations in legal documents and publications, however the carpenter of Norbeck spelled his name Burroughs on a signed insurance policy. The Burroughs family owned the house and the .40 hectare (1 acre) lot until 1946, when sold to William B. Martin. William and Phyllis Martin sold the property in 1957 to Donald and Anabell Boyd. The property changed ownership twice before purchased by the current owners, Christopher and Deborah Stathes, in 1987. The property still contains a .40 hectare (1 acre) lot.

The James Burris (Burroughs) House II is located in the Village of Norbeck. The nineteenth century community of Norbeck was composed of two separate but related communities; Mount Pleasant, the African-American settlement established by freed slaves on Muncaster Mill Road, and a white commercial crossroads settlement at the intersection of Norbeck Road and Georgia Avenue. The community also extended along Norbeck and Bradford Roads, east of the crossroads. The African-American settlement was oriented around the community church and school, while the white settlement centered around the post office, general store, and blacksmith shop. While remnants of both communities still exist, the environment in which they developed has been greatly altered over time.

The community at the crossroads was established in the decade following the Civil War, when increased agricultural prosperity and an increased population created a greater demand in the area for goods and services. In addition to the growth of the local farm community, the area grew as a result of its location at the intersection of two of the oldest roads in the county, the Baltimore Road (Route 28/Norbeck Road) and the Washington-Brookeville Turnpike (Route 97/Georgia Avenue).

The James Burris (Burroughs) House II is an I-house with a cross-gable constructed circa 1890. The standard I-house is one room deep and two stories tall with three to five bays on each story. From the front, an I-house is often indistinguishable from a Georgian house. The gable view, however, reveals the greater depth of the Georgian house. Chimneys are located on the interior

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## 8. Significance (Continued)

of the gable ends, however, external chimneys are characteristic in the Chesapeake region. Usually, an I-house has a one-story porch running the length or nearly the length of the long side. On the interior, a central hall separates the two rooms on the first floor; the second floor contains either two or four sleeping chambers. Due to the narrowness of the main core, many I-houses have kitchen wings to the rear. Initially, stone masonry construction was used but by the mid-nineteenth century, as pre-cut lumber became increasingly available, frame construction was common. During the Victorian period, pre-cut detailing or a two-tiered porch was commonly grafted onto the traditional I-house. The I-form was popular into the early twentieth century, with examples appearing in catalogs of mass-produced suburban houses (Gowans 1992, 55-6).

The James Burris (Burroughs) House II was included in the National Register of Historic Places Inventory - Nomination Form for the Norbeck Historic District, prepared by the State Highway Administration and Maryland Historical Trust in 1977, however this form did not provide architectural descriptions and significance statements for individual buildings. The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places determined in 1978 that the area is too altered to constitute a historic district, but that the significance of individual buildings, including the James Burris House II, should be considered.

### NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

The James Burris House II is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A or B, as it has no known association with historic events or significant persons. It does not meet Criterion C, due to a loss of architectural integrity. The original facade of the front elevation retains its material integrity, however the form and massing of the house has been altered by several additions. A large 2-story addition on the north elevation obscures the north side of the house and roof form of the both the I-house and rear ell. The 1-story addition on the south wraps-around to a modern screened porch on the rear elevation. A set of 15-light French doors were also added on the rear elevation. The house is also a common architectural type for its period of construction, which is no longer distinguished by outbuildings. The property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility Not Recommended ☒ X

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reviewer, OPS: E. Hannold/K. Williams Date: 11/25/1996

Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 3/4/02

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References Survey.M:23-113-5(PACS B1.13)

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See Continuation Sheet

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of nominated property .40 hectare (1 acre)  
Quadrangle name Kensington Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Caroline Hall/Tim Tamburrino

organization P.A.C. Spero & Company date December 1996

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412 telephone (410) 296-1635

city or town Baltimore state Maryland

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance

A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Prepared by:

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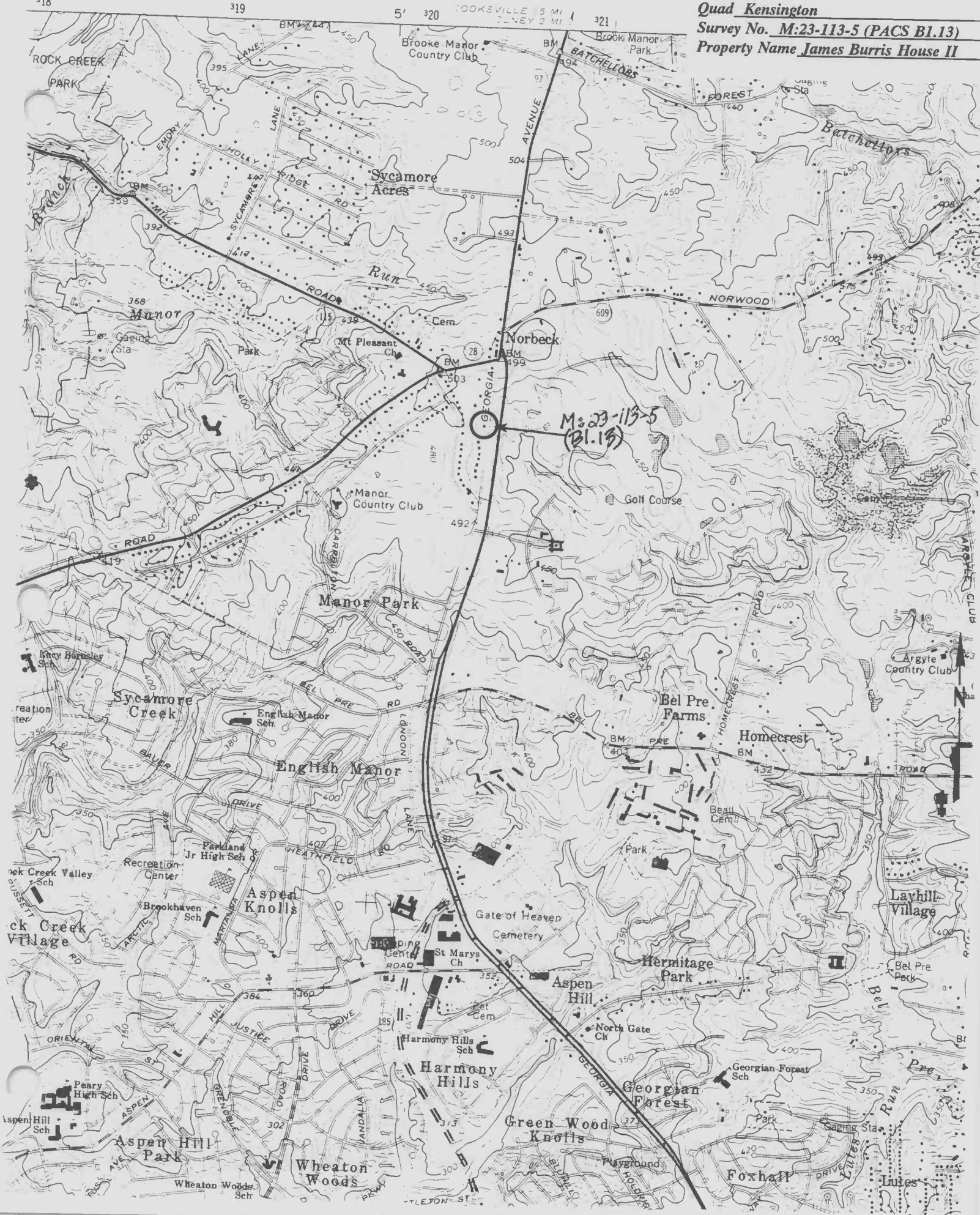
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**Intercounty Connector Project  
Upgrade Existing Roads Alternative  
Quad Kensington**

Survey No. **M:23-113-5 (PACS B1.13)**

Property Name **James Burris House II**





- 1 1122-113-5
- 2 James Burris (Burroughs) House II
- 3 Montgomery County
- 4 Tim Tamburino
- 5 June 1996
- 6 PAC Speco and Company, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave.  
Suite 412 Towson MD 21204
- 7 15220 Georgia Ave, front elevation
- 8 1 of 4



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- 5 June 1996
- 6 PAC Spew and Company, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave, Suite 412 Takon MD 21204
- 7 15220 Georgia Ave., south side elevation
- 8 7 of 4



- 1 11-23-113-5
- 2 James Burris (Burroughs) House II
- 3 Montgomery County
- 4 Tim Tamburino
- 5 June 1996
- 6 PAC Specios Co, 40 W Chesapeake Ave, Suite 912  
Towson MD 21204
- 7 1528 Georgia Ave, north side elevation
- 8 3 of 4





1 23-113-5

2 James Burr's (Burlough's) House II

3 Montgomery County

4 Tim Tamburino

5 June 1996

6 P.H.C. Speo and Co. 90. West Chesapeake Ave,  
Suite 412 Towson MD 21204

7 15220 Georgia Ave, near elevation

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